

January 22, 2016

## Ocotillo District Weekly Update

### **Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours**

Councilmember Aldama will be having his next Mobile Office Hours on **Monday, February 1st from 5:00 to 6:30pm**. The meeting will be held at the William C. Jack School, 6600 W. Missouri Avenue. We encourage you to stop by and meet with Councilmember Aldama. No appointment necessary.

### **GLENDAL DEDICATES HONORARY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD**

The City of Glendale had a special dedication ceremony on January 15 to install new honorary street signs in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The new signs can be seen at the intersection of 95th Avenue & Maryland. The street's location was chosen within Glendale's sports and entertainment district so residents and visitors to the area see the important memorial whenever the city hosts world-class events.



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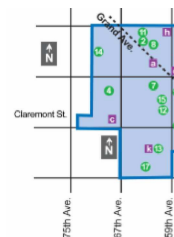
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### GLENDALÉ HAS A CURE FOR CHOCOHOLICS & HOPELESS ROMANTICS WITH ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE FEBRUARY 5-7 Glendale's Own Cerreta Candy Company Presents the Sweetest Event in Town

Glendale will soon host the sweetest event in town. The 21st Annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire will be a chocoholic's dream, with chocolate and so much more in Historic Downtown Glendale for three days, **Feb. 5-7**. The Chocolate Affaire is presented by Arizona's famous candy makers, Cerreta Candy Company. The candy factory will offer tours during event hours and visitors can expect to see some special, giant-sized chocolate creations at the factory.

Visitors will delight in the nearly 40 chocolate purveyors, featuring confections like perennial favorite chocolate-covered strawberries and bananas, plus new flavorful additions that will include Aztec chocolate ice cream, deep-fried chocolate rocky road bacon, s'mores in a mason jar and much more. A listing of the chocolatiers' decadent delights can be downloaded from our website. Downtown businesses are getting in on chocolate mania too, with several restaurants and bars offering special menu items for the festival weekend. Special menu selections will include chocolate flan, chocolate cupcakes, raspberry chocolate wine, chocolate sauerkraut tart, chocolate and strawberry bruschetta with balsamic reduction, double fudge brownie ice cream, Belgium chocolate cream pie and much more. Find a complete listing of the restaurant items online.

Families with children will enjoy a variety of activities, including hands-on arts and crafts, face-painting, carnival rides, a rock-climbing wall and more. One of the event's most popular activities, Cerreta's chocolate-pizza-making booth

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will return, which is fun for all ages. There will be plenty of musical entertainment, with outstanding local talent performing throughout the festival. Find the entertainment schedule, online.

The festival also features something for those hopeless romantics; the event is the largest gathering of romance novelists in the Southwest. Authors will make appearances, sign autographs and offer free writing workshops. Find the authors' appearance schedules as well as the workshop listing online. In addition, the Chocolate Affaire's annual Plein Air Competition will take place on **Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**, so attendees can watch as artists paint as the event is taking place around them. For information on the Plein Air Competition, sponsored by the city's Public Arts Program, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/arts](http://www.glendaleaz.com/arts).

Event hours are **Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.** The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues. Admission to the festival is free! Preferred parking is available for \$10 in one of two downtown parking garages, both of which are accessible from 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive.

For more information on Glendale's festivals, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/events](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events) or call our special events hotline at 623-930-2299. The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is presented by Cerreta Candy Company and sponsored by Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, SRP, ABC-15 KNXV, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, Monster Energy Drinks, Sedona Pines, the Arizona SciTech Festival, Diamond Resorts, the Glendale Public Arts Program, The Arizona Republic and Camelback Ranch-Glendale.

### **Glendale Today with Councilmember Jamie Aldama: Envision 2040**

Glendale Councilmember Jamie Aldama of the Ocotillo District gives viewers a closer look at the city's General Plan known as "Envision 2040" in his new edition of the TV show "Glendale Today". Councilmember Aldama talks to Planning Director Jon Froke about the plan and how it is the blueprint for the future of Glendale's business and residential development.

Councilmember Aldama also highlights new development and construction projects under the Glendale Centerline Initiative specific to the Ocotillo District, including the Brelby Theater, the Desert Rose Steakhouse, Total Smiles Dental, Glendale Pediatrics and the Family Dollar store.

[Click here to view Councilmember Aldama's Glendale Today Show](#)

### **Want to Report a Code Violation?**

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then follow-up. Please be sure to provide all information that is requested.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm>

**Councilmember Aldama wants to hear from you regarding Light Rail / Bus Rapid Transit. Please contact him by emailing [jaldama@glendaleaz.com](mailto:jaldama@glendaleaz.com) or schedule a meeting by calling 623-930-2249.**

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### **TransitValley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information**

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit [valleymetro.org/Glendale](http://valleymetro.org/Glendale).

### **To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below**

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

### **Bulk Trash Collection**

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>

## **Coming Up**

### **ESL**

**4 p.m., Wednesdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24**

Free English language learning for adults. Using volunteers, the program provides a friendly and helpful environment for people who are just learning English, as well as native English speakers who need to improve their skills. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3430 or visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library).

### **Free Classes At Velma Teague Library - Citizenship CLASSES (Citywide)**

**January - March**

**Monday Evenings**

**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

This is a 10-week class teaching the fundamentals of U.S. politics, government and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. Sponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Classes are free. Registration required. Staff Contact: Mike Beck at 623-930-3546.





### **Glendale University Offers Behind-The-Scenes Look At City Government**

Glendale University 101, an 11-session program sponsored by Cox Communications, is accepting applications **now through Friday, January 22, 2016**. Classes which begin on **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**, offer a close-up, behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of city government.

Glendale residents and businesses owners in the city can sign up for Glendale University (GU) to learn more about city government directly from the Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and top city staff. The program's continued popularity is credited to the one-on-one interactions among attendees and the core curriculum that focuses on everything from the city courts to utilities.

"Glendale University is a unique opportunity to meet the city's decision makers and talk about everyone's role in our local democracy," said organizer Kathy Curley of Glendale's Community Services Department. In the 19 years since the program was started, more than 950 people have attended.

GU 101 classes are held from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays**, beginning **February 3, 2016** and running through April 13, 2016. The series kicks off with an opportunity to get to know your Mayor and Council Members. Subsequent sessions cover a variety of city services, including public safety, city courts, public works, community services, finance and budget, marketing, and much more.

The classes, which are free, are limited in size to encourage interaction between attendees and the elected officials and city staff who teach each unit.

### **Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Exhibition**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13 - Saturday, Jan. 23; & 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24**, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. - Fruit Packing Shed.

Enjoy a unique exhibit featuring Arizona artists. All submitted works will be on display from Jan. 9-10, and all juried works will be on display from **Jan. 13-24**. Call 623-930-4201 for more information.

**January - March, Mondays - 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** (City-Wide) - Citizenship Classes: Presented by the International Rescue Committee, this free, ten-week class will teach the fundamentals of United States Politics, Government, and History included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. The classes will be held on **January 11 & 18; February 1, 8, 22 and 29; and March 7, 14, 21, 28** at the Velma Teague Library. They are free and open to the general public. Registration is required. For more information, please contact Mike Beck at 930-3546.

### **20th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23**, at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.



Players and audience of all ages are welcome at this FREE event, featuring 72 performers playing on 2 stages all day. Includes workshops and lectures on crafting songs, boosting creativity and gaining inspiration, copyright law and a Q&A with a music and entertainment attorney, song critique sessions and more! Enjoy Lacy and Wendy's Mobile Wood Fired Pizza Oven on site, plus a Friends of the Library fundraiser. Event offered in partnership with the Arizona Songwriters Association, [www.azsongwriters.org](http://www.azsongwriters.org). For more information, please call 623-930-3573 or visit [gplsongwriters.weebly.com](http://gplsongwriters.weebly.com).

**To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police Department is click here:**

[https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM\\_MAP\\_032315.pdf](https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf)

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